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The Idaho Supreme Court decided to reinstate the Department of Finance’s ruling that PurCo Fleet Services, Inc. is subject to registration under Idaho’s debt collection statute. After lengthy discussions and negotiations with the Department, PurCo had been ordered to cease operations in Idaho until they registered with the Department. PurCo appealed that decision to Ada County district court. The district court decision agreed with PurCo that their settling of disputed automobile damage claims originating with Thrifty Car Rental were not covered by the statute. The Idaho Supreme Court reversed that decision saying the settling and collecting of damage claims from renters of Thrifty

Rental cars was a “claim” pursuant to I.C. § 26-2223(2). Therefore, PurCo must register pursuant to the Idaho Collection Agency Act or cease business.